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**Puget Sound Naval
Shipyard and Intermediate
Maintenance Facility**

Ecology seeks public comment
on proposed approval of amended
closure plan

Public Comment Period:
September 19 – October 18, 2005



PUBLIC NOTICE

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility Amended Closure Plan Available for Public Review

Proposed Approval of Amended Closure Plan Available for Public Review and Comment

The Department of Ecology is proposing to approve an amended closure plan submitted by the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF). Ecology approval of the closure plan will allow PSNS & IMF to begin closure of their Dangerous Waste (DW) Container Storage Unit housed in Buildings 944 and 982. This unit is regulated by Chapter 173-303 WAC. Under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and the regulations of Chapter 173-303 WAC, units that store dangerous waste in containers for longer than 90 days are required to have a RCRA Permit in order to continue operating or to be closed in accordance with a closure plan approved by the Department of Ecology.

Proposed Closure Plan

Since the early 1980s, PSNS & IMF stored a variety of wastes in the DW Container Storage Unit. Since wastes produced from a majority of shipyard operations are shipped offsite from the DW Container Storage Unit, the wastes stored here have included solvents, abrasive blast materials, paint wastes, adhesives, resins, coolants, waste oil, hydraulic fluids, lead waste, mercury waste and PCB waste.

The closure plan proposes to decontaminate the above-ground structures. Wastewater generated from steam-cleaning of the

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**CONTACT FOR INFORMATION OR
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building will be contained and disposed in accordance with WAC 173-303-070 and the generator requirements of WAC 173-303-170 – 230. In addition, soil sampling will be conducted under the buildings and in the fenced yard surrounding the buildings. The data collected as a result of decontamination, sampling, and analysis will be presented in the final closure report. After certification and Ecology approval of final closure, Buildings 944 and 982 will then continue to be operated as a DW Container Storage Unit, accumulating dangerous waste for less than 90 days, according to the requirements of WAC 173-303-200. After closure, a RCRA Permit will not be required for continued operation of this unit.

Site Background

The PSNS & IMF is named on the National Priorities List. The cleanup of the site is covered under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986. A selected remedy to address contamination at the shipyard is documented in a Record of Decision (ROD) between the Navy, the Department of Ecology, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), effective March 08, 2004. This Record of Decision covers Operable Unit (OU) B Terrestrial, Site 10 West. The DW Container Storage Unit is located within (OU) B Terrestrial, Site 10 West. To avoid duplication of effort between government agencies and between departments within those agencies, any contamination originating

from spills or leaks of containers stored at the DW Container Storage Unit and now found to be present in site soils will be transferred into the Site 10 West selected remedy under the ROD and will be addressed as part of the cleanup and containment efforts specified by the Record of Decision. This Record of Decision also addresses contaminated groundwater, therefore no additional groundwater sampling and analysis is included as part of this closure plan.

Any Questions?

If you have any questions about the proposed approval to the amended closure plan for the DW Container Storage Area at the PSNS & IMF, please contact Ms. Robin Harrover, Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) at (425) 649-7232.

Ecology will hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed approval of the amended closure plan if ten or more people submit a written request before the end of the public comment period. Ecology will accept written requests received by October 18, 2005. All written requests shall state the nature of the issues to be raised in a public meeting.

Please send written requests to:

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If you need this information in an alternate format, please call the Hazardous Waste and Toxics Reduction Program at 360-407-6700. If you are a person with a speech or hearing impairment call 711, or 800-833-6388 for TTY.

